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Nebraska Federal Indicators Matrix Round 2 Indicators (COMPASS) January 2019

NEBRASKA Good Life, Great Mission, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence	Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care	Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification	Timeliness of Adoption	Permanency for Children in Foster Care	Placement Stability
Federal Target:	94.60%	99.68%	122.6	106.4	121.7	101.5
Eastern	95.64%	99.76%	115.3	149.5	154.3	104.3
Southeast	94.54%	99.16%	116.3	186.1	148.4	115.7
Central	94.90%	99.70%	127.4	180.3	195.9	116.8
Northern	98.70%	99.86%	119.8	140.2	195.5	117.7
Western	99.25%	99.87%	122.6	167.0	194.0	119.0
State	95.85%	99.68%	118.0	162.1	167.6	111.1

Note: Youth throughout the state who are placed in YRTC are reflected in the Federal Measures for the Central and Southeast Service Areas due to the YRTC's being located in Kearney and Geneva.

= Passing the Federal
= Not Passing the Federal Indicator

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Nebraska Federal Indicators Matrix Round 3 Indicators January 2019

= Not Passing

NEBRASKA Good Life, Great Mission, gept of health and haman services	Recurrence of Maltreatment	Maltreatment in Care	Youth Entering Care Achieving Permanency in 12 Months	Re-Entry within 12 Months of Discharge	Youth in Care 12- 23 Months Achieving Permanency in 12 Months	Youth in Care 24+ Months Achieving Permanency in 12 Months	Placement Stability
Target:	≤ 7.9%	≤ 7.00	≥ 43.8%	≤ 8.3%	≥ 46.2%	≥ 36.3%	≤ 4.12
Eastern	5.5%	4.77	36.1%	4.9%	46.2%	44.2%	3.45
Southeast	11.8%	7.17	37.7%	2.9%	66.9%	42.1%	2.66
Central	3.7%	3.70	36.2%	4.3%	48.4%	68.2%	2.94
Northern	4.1%	6.71	39.8%	3.2%	52.5%	64.3%	2.58
Western	3.6%	4.67	39.5%	6.6%	56.5%	61.4%	2.60
State	6.9%	5.30	38.3%	4.6%	52.8%	49.2%	3.07



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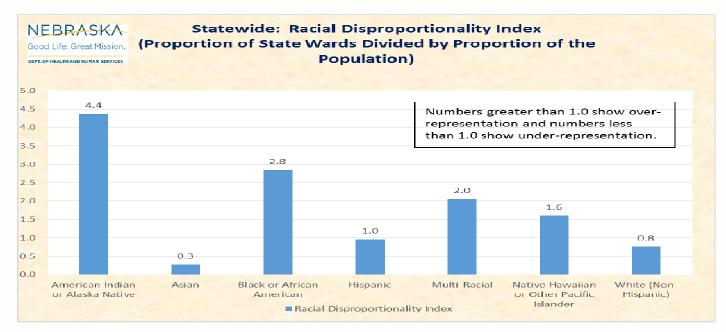
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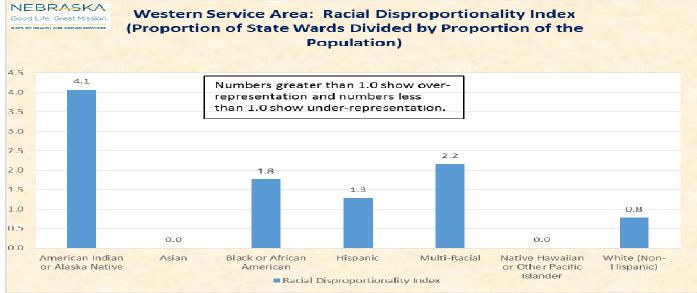
YOUTH IN CARE Census



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Notes:

*Data on these charts include YRTC direct youth and excludes Tribal Court youth

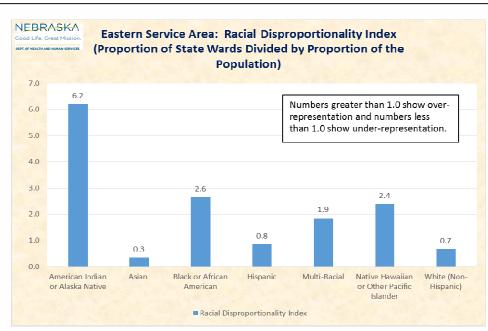
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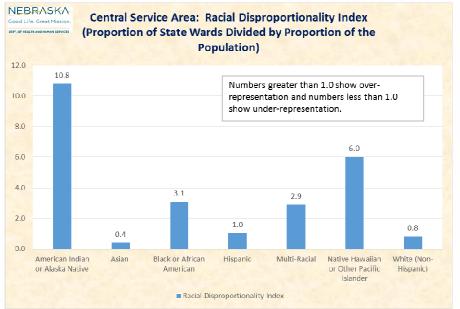
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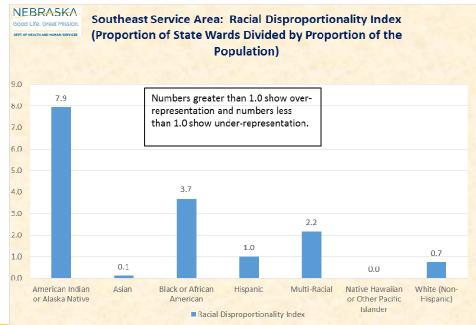
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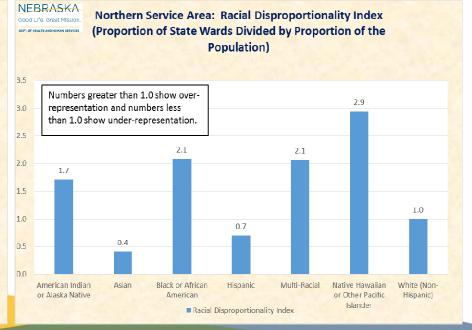
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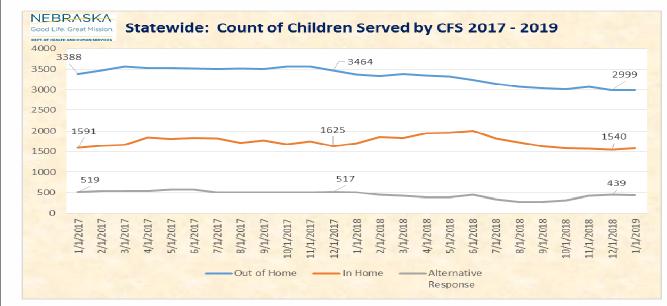


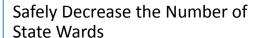






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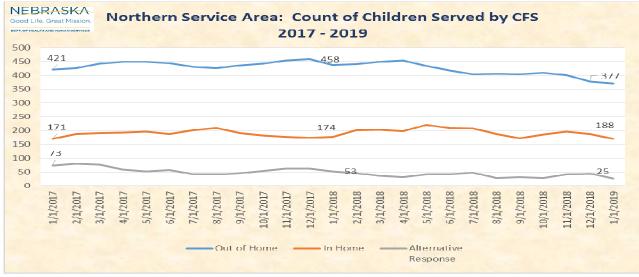




Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:



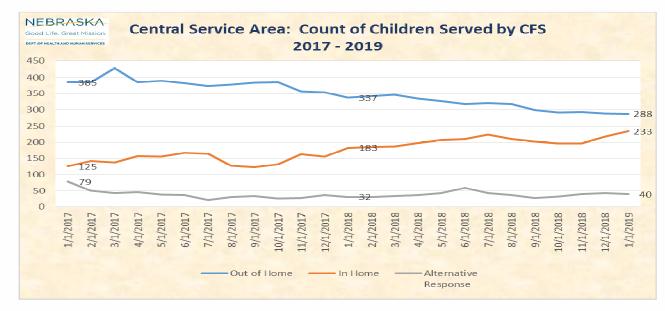
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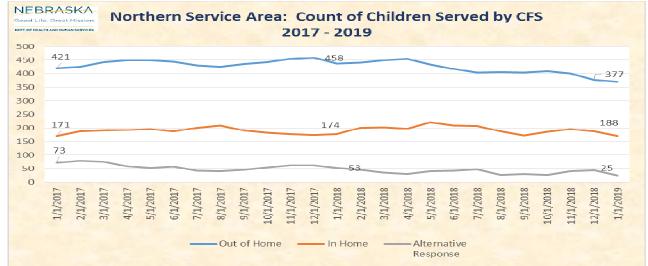
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Safely Decrease the Number of State Wards

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

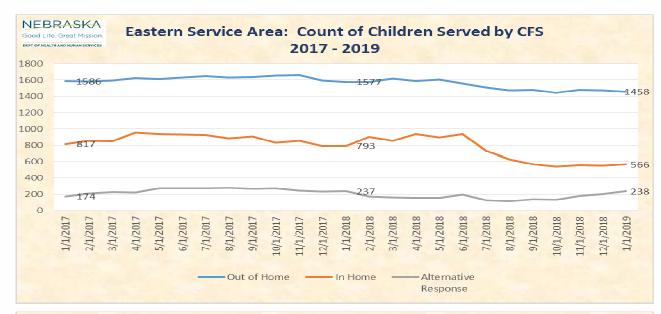
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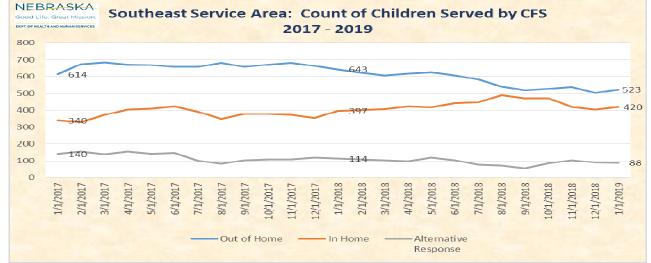
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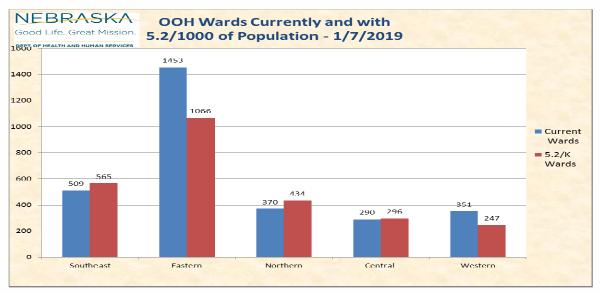
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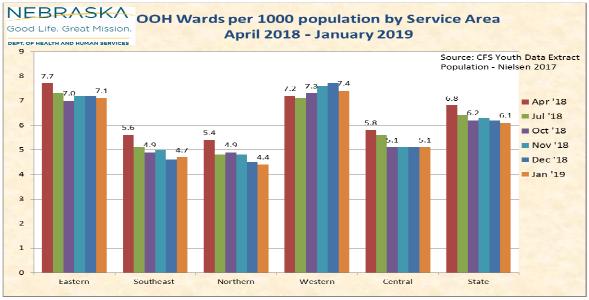
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Safely Decrease the Number of State Wards

Strengths/Opportunities:

Note: Claritis Youth Population Details:

2015	2016	2017	2018			
201,956	202,439	205,004	206,807			
106,737	107,825	108,677	106,479			
83,886	83,776	83,426	83,505			
57,079	57,000	56,909	59,604			
48,440	47,883	47,443	46,877			
498,098	498,923	501,459	503,272			
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Barriers:

Action Items:

Out of Home Court wards using Nielsen Youth Population.

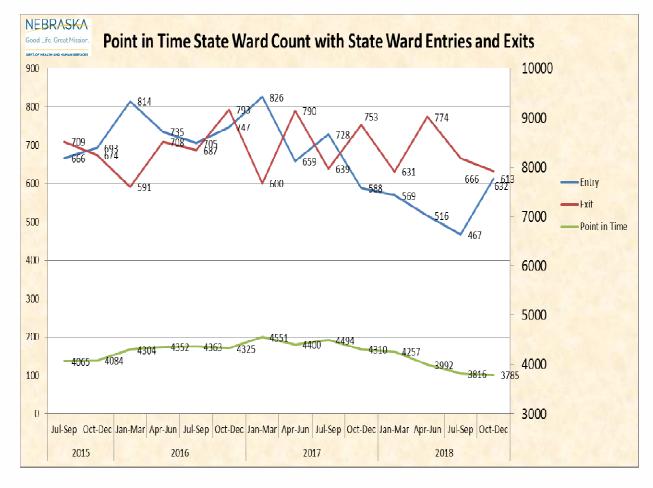
Note: Count by County Report is now available.

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LB-561 became effective Oct 1, 2013. This resulted in youth being cared for by probation rather than CFS

Safely Decrease the Number of State Wards

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

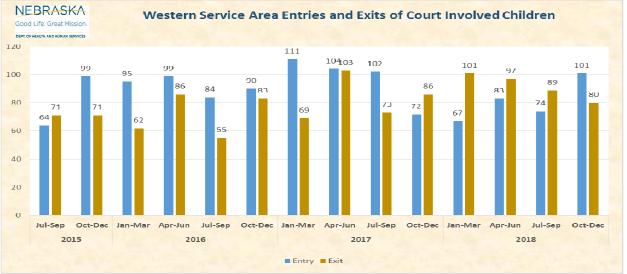
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N-Focus Legal Status field. An entry occurs when a child is made a state ward. An exit occurs when the Legal Status changes to non-ward - not when it is entered into NFocus. Entries include youth that go from non-court to court. Counts based on date of action, not entry date into N-FOCUS. Statewide numbers include counts for YRTC.

Safely Decrease the Number of State Wards

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

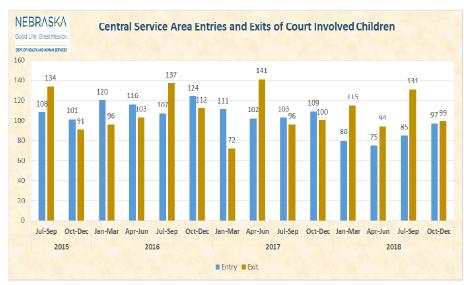
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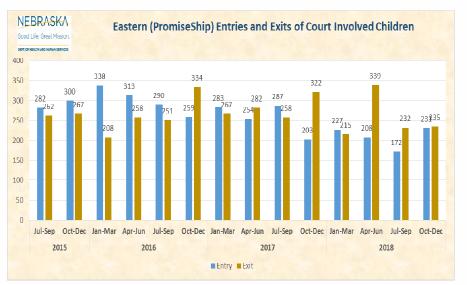
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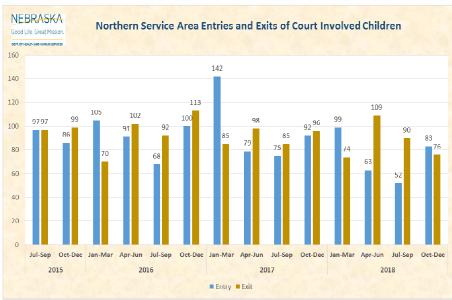
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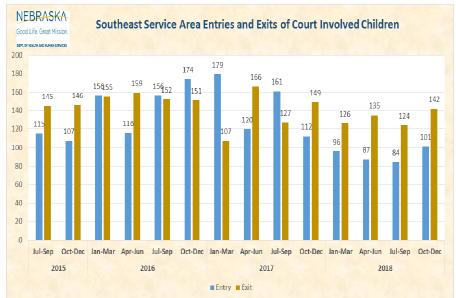
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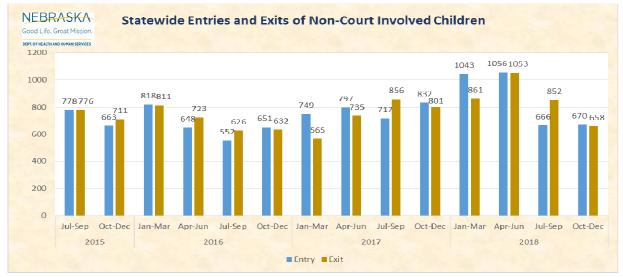


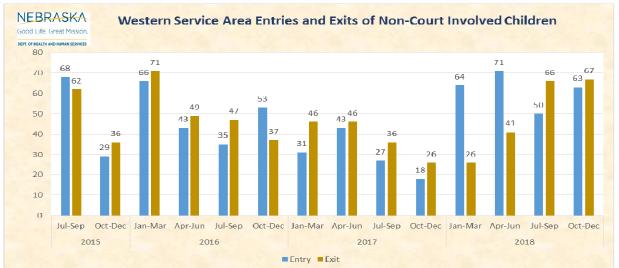






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Safely Decrease the Number of Non-Court Cases

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

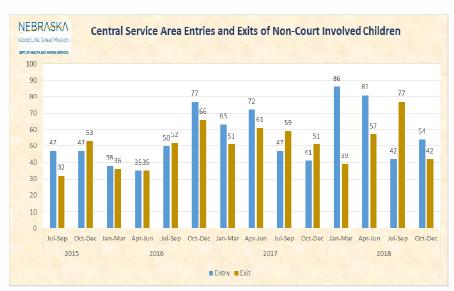
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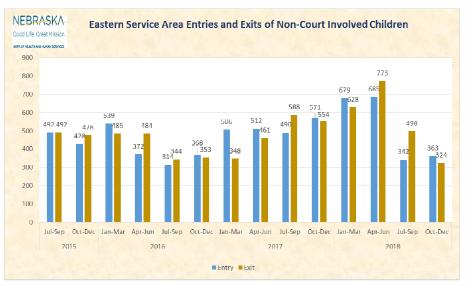
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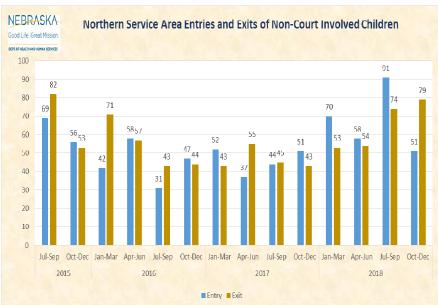
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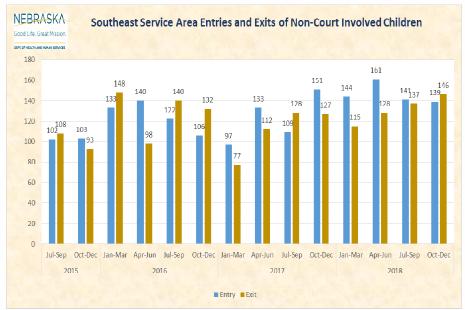
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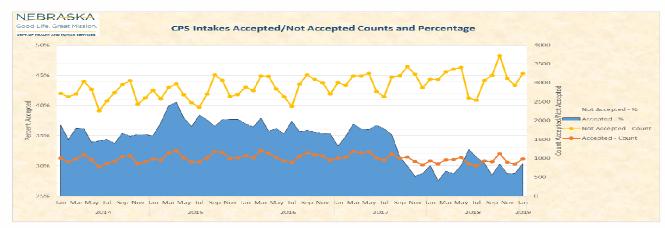
Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

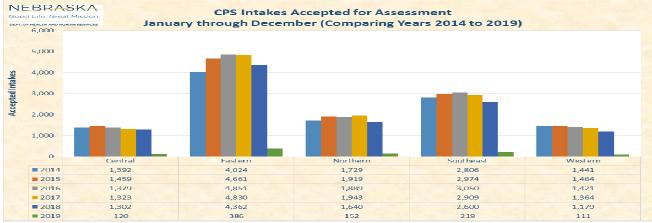
Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate

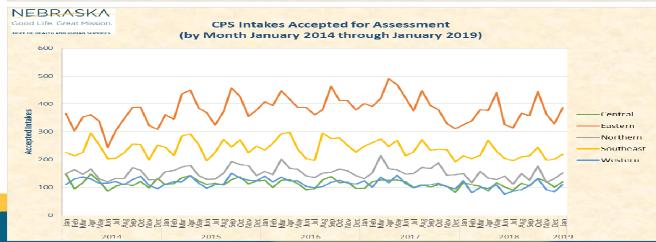


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CPS Intakes Accepted

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

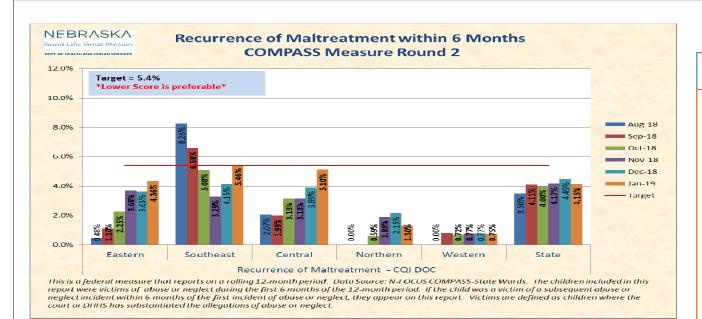
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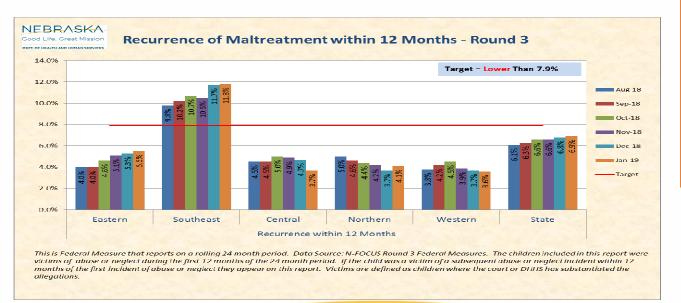
Note: This data does not include Law Enforcement Only Intakes.

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Recurrence of Maltreatment

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

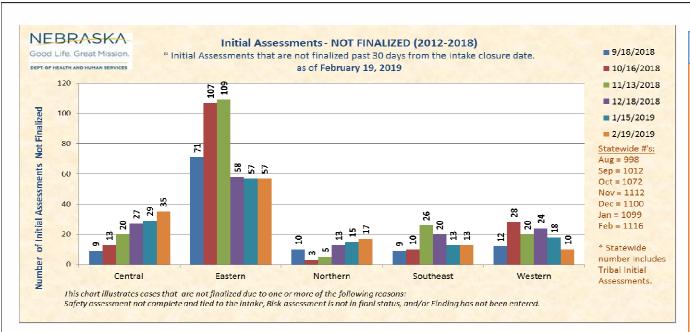
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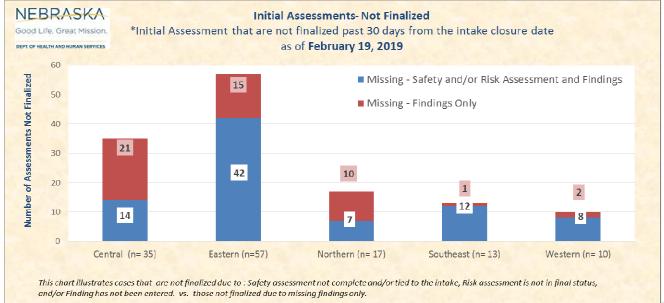
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IA – Investigation Timeframes

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

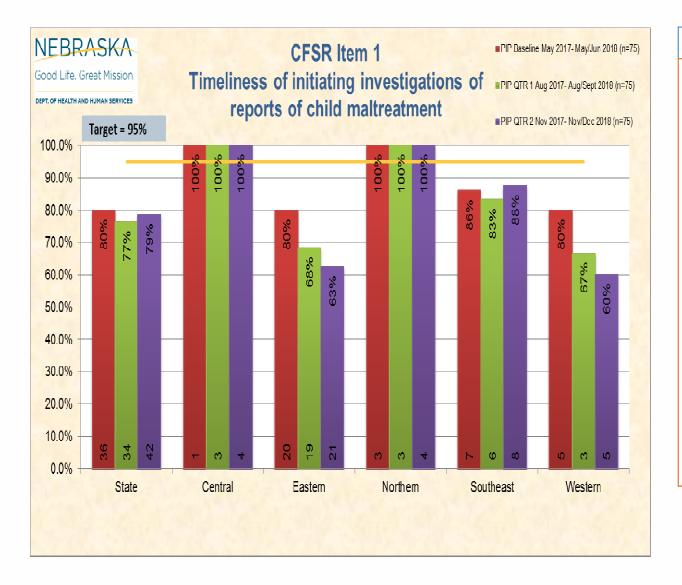
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IA – Investigation Timeframes

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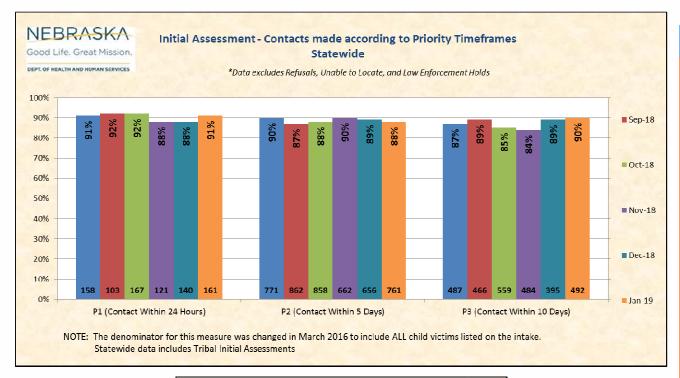
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Reason for Missed Contacts			
Assessment not completed	23		
Contact not made	11		
Contact made past timeframes	30		
Entered after timeframes	6		
Typo in contact details	4		
Incorrect ARP number	1		
Unable to Locate - no exception documented	2		
Refused to participate - no exception documented	1		
Not all children/victims included in assessment	13		
Total	91		

Note: Intakes accepted for APSS or OH investigations were included in this measure for the first time in November 2013.

IA - Contact Timeframes

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

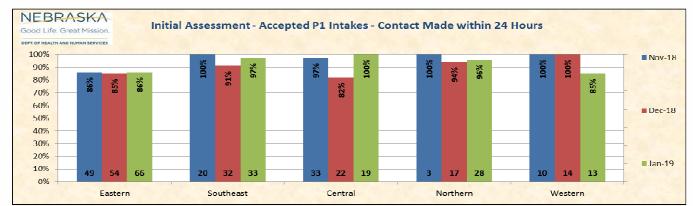
Data on this page currently excludes all youth victims involved in an intake if an exception to contact was entered on the intake. Starting April 2017, the report will <u>only</u> exclude specific youth in the intake that are applicable to the exception. All other youth who are part of the same intake but are not part of the exception will be included in the numerator and denominator for this measure.

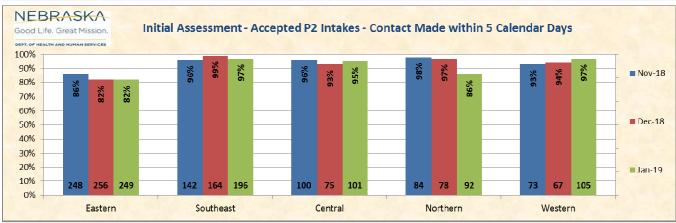
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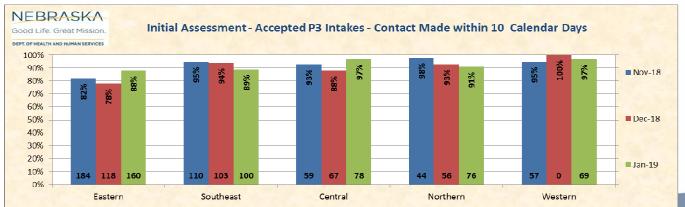
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IA – Contact Timeframes

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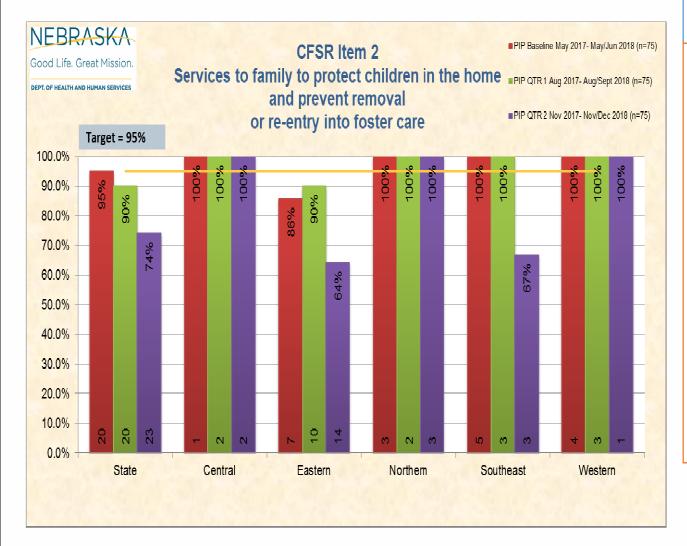
Action Items:

Note: The denominator for this measure was changed in March 2016 to include all child victims listed on the intake.

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Services to Family to Protect Children – CFSR Item 2

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

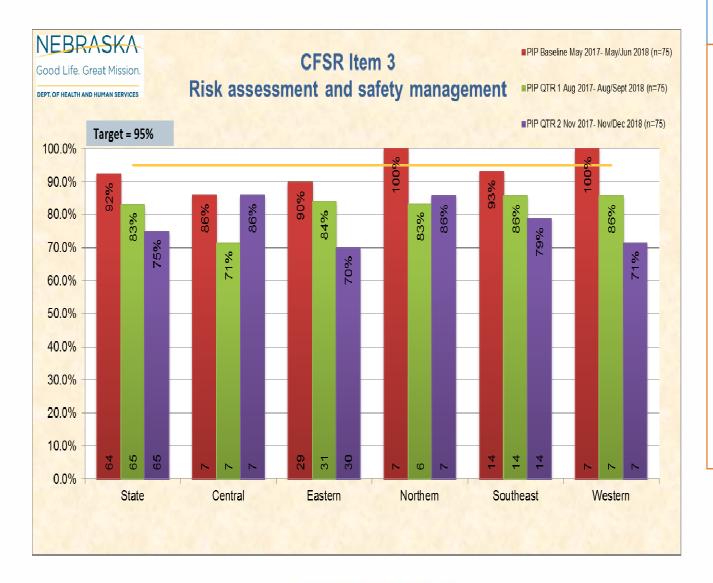
Action Items:

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Safety and Risk assessment and management – CFSR Item 3

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

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PERMANENCY

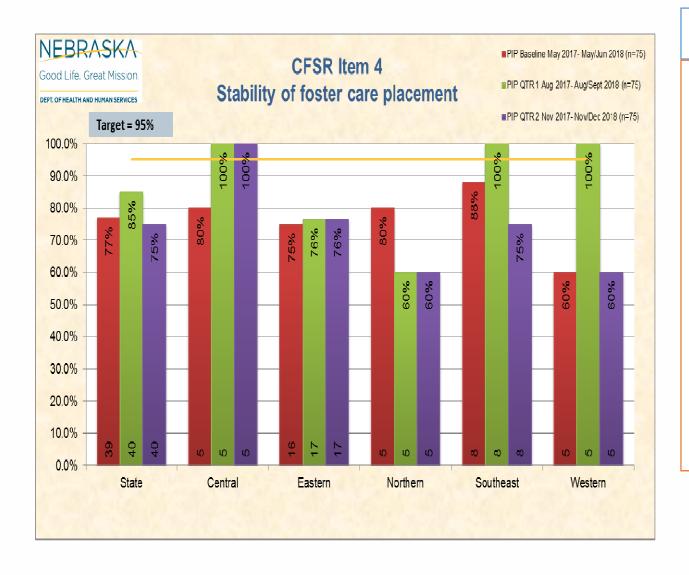
Permanency Outcome #1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.

Permanency Outcome #2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.



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Stability of Placement – CFSR Item 4

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

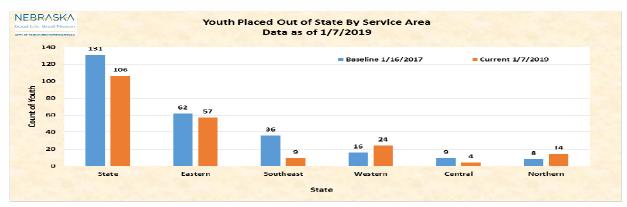
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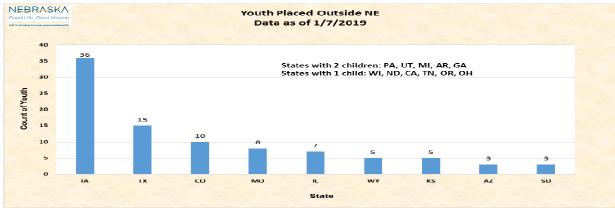
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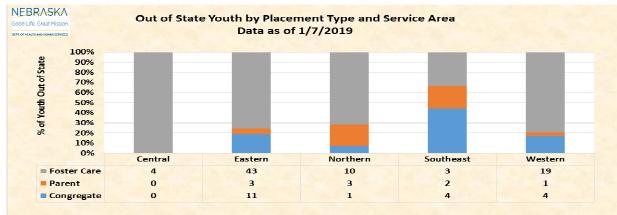
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Youth Placed Out of State

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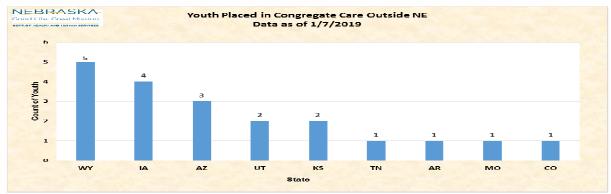
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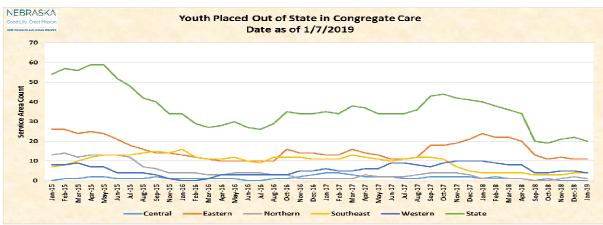
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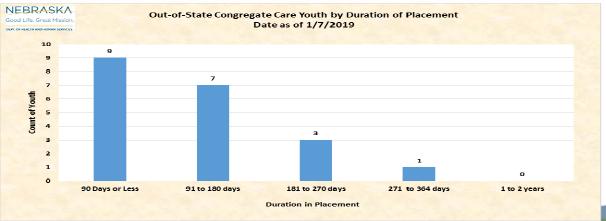
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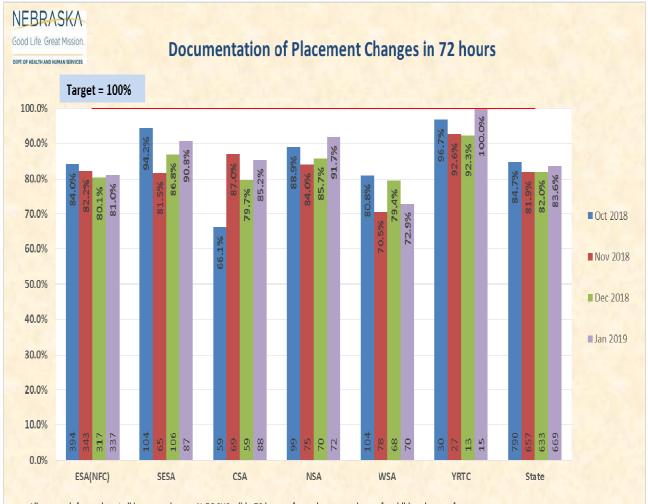
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All contact information shall be up-to-date on N-FOCUS wihin 72 hours of any placement change for children in out of home care. The data respresents the percentage of placement changes that were documented on N-FOCUS within 72 hours. (Data Source: N-FOCUS Placement Documentation/InfoView)

Note: State data does not include Tribal cases.

Placement Change Documentation w/in 72 hours

Strengths/Opportunities:

Aug 2017: Statewide performance remained at (84.4%).

State performance was at 56% in May 2012.

Barriers:

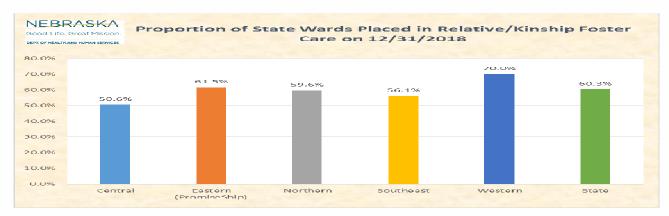
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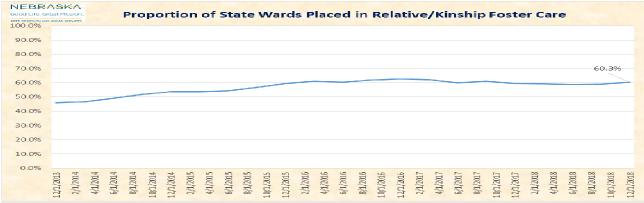
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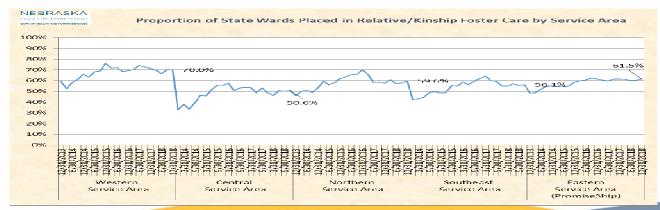
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Kinship Care for Out of Home Wards

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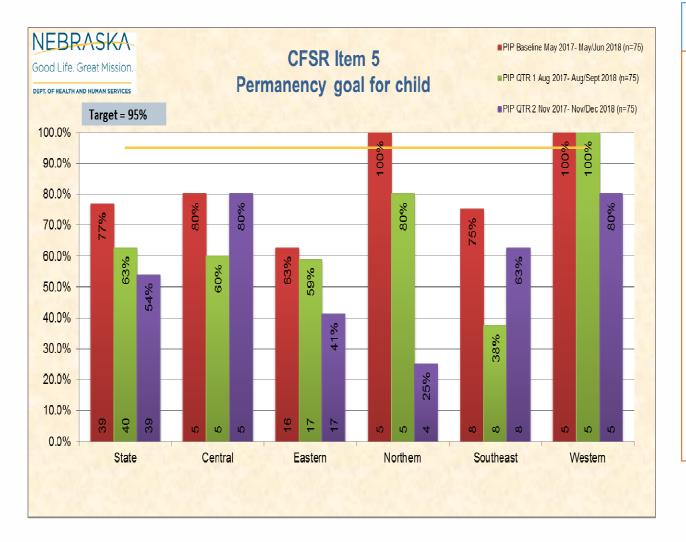
Action Items:

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Timely and Appropriate
Permanency Goals— CFSR Item 5

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

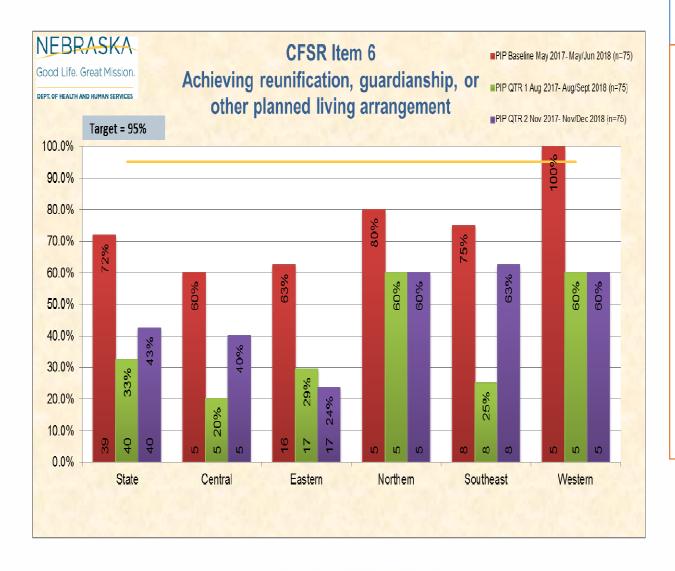
Action Items:

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Timely Achievement of Permanency Goals— CFSR Item 6

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

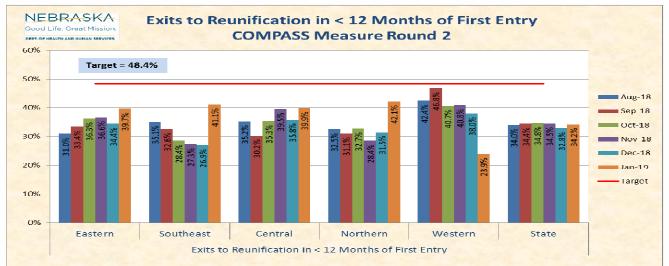
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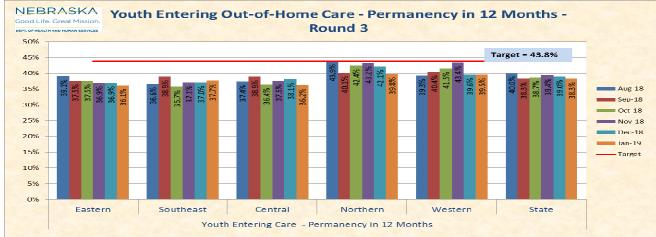
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This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS - State Wards. This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. For the prior reporting year, of all children entering foster care in the second 6 months of the year who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, the percent who met either of the following criteria: (1) the child was reunified in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care, or (2) the child was placed in a trial home visit in less than 11 months from the date of entry into foster care and the trial home visit was the last placement setting prior to discharge to reunification. (Entry Cohort)



Ihis is a Federal Measure that reports on a rolling 36 months of data. Data Source: N-FUCUS Round 3 Federal Measures. Uf all children entering care 2 years prior and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, the percent who met either of the following criteria: (1) the child was also thanged to reunification, adoption or quardianship in less than 12 months from the date of entry into care, or (2) the child was placed in a trial home visit in less than 11 months from the date of entry into foster care and the trial home visit was the last placement setting prior to discharge to reunification. This is an entry cohort measure.

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Timeliness of Permanency

Strengths/Opportunities:

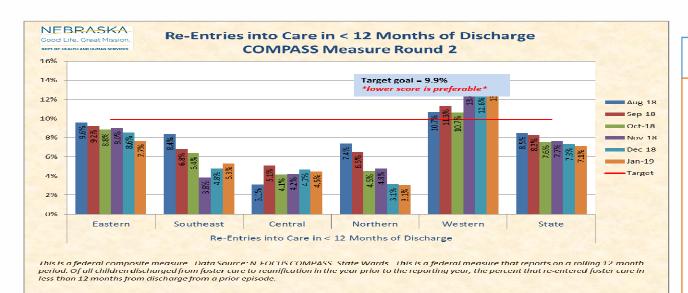
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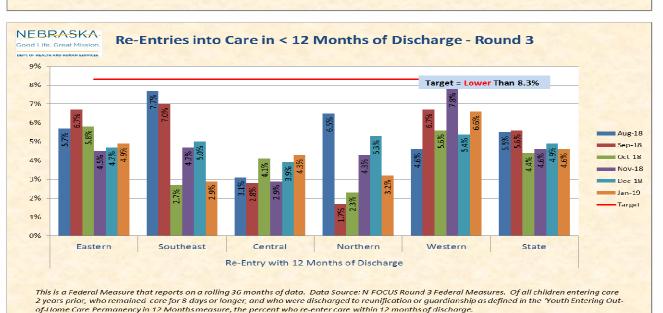
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Re Entry into Foster Care

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

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WELL-BEING

Well-Being Outcome #1: Families have enhanced capacities to provide for their children's needs.

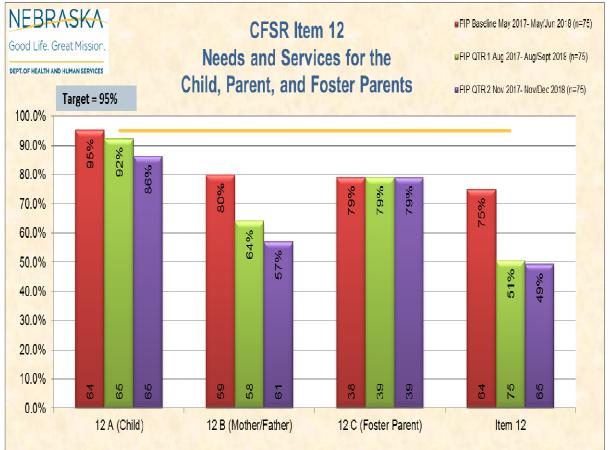
Well-Being Outcome #2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Well-Being Outcome #3: Children have adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.



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Item 12 on the CFSR determines whether or not the agency made concerted efforts during the period under review to assess the child, parents and foster parents needs and provide services to meet needs that were identified. Item 12 A is about the children's needs and services, 12 B is about both the mother and father's needs and services, and 12 C is about the foster parent's needs and services. The three parts of Item 12 are combined into one item as a whole to determine if the overall item is a strength or area needing improvement.

Child, Parent & Foster Parent Needs Assessment – CFSR 12

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

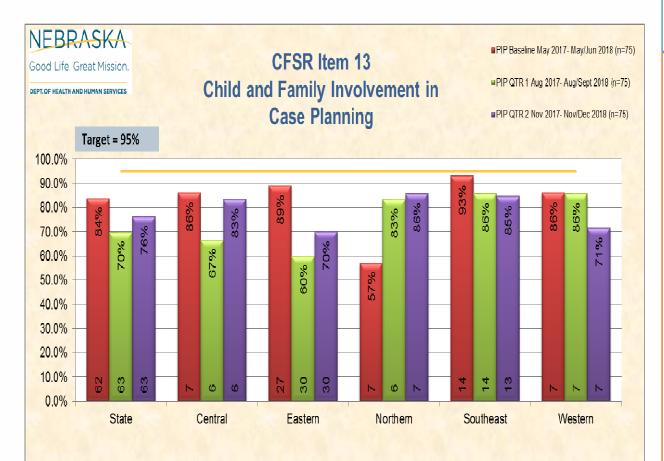
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Item 13 looks at whether or not the agency made concerted efforts during the period under review to involve the parent (mother and father) and the children during the case planning process. Children and parents have to contribute to the creation of the case plan goals and review them with the agency on an ongoing basis for this item to be rated as a strength.

Case Planning Involvement – CFSR 13

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:.

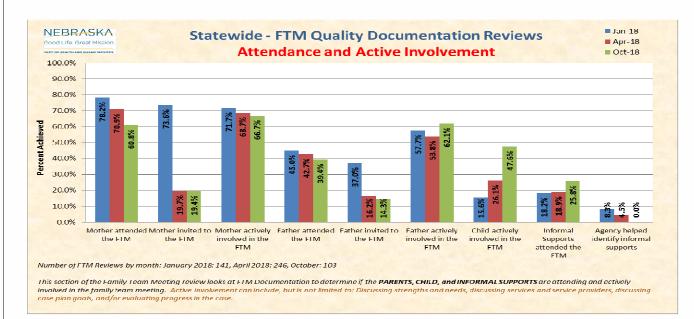
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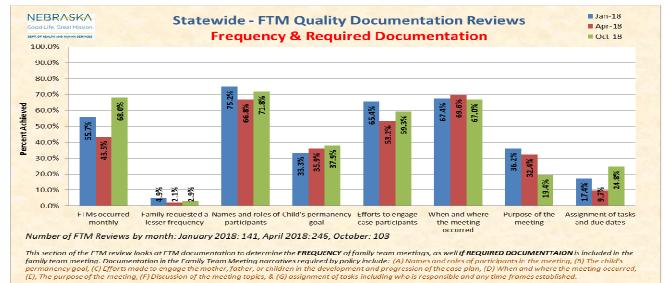
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Family Team Meeting Quality

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

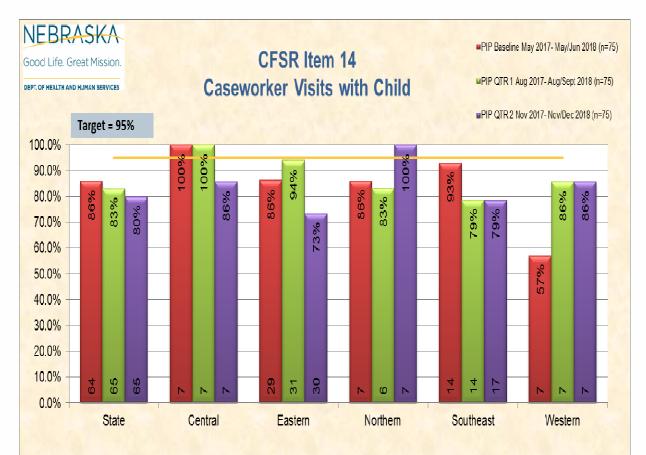
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Item 14 on the CFSR looks at both the frequency and quality of the caseworker visits with the children in the case. This item looks at whether or not the frequency and quality of visits between the caseworker and the children in the case were sufficient to ensure safety, permanency, and well being of the child and promote achievement of case goals. Children should be seen privately when age appropriate and at least monthly in order for this item to be counted as a strength.

Caseworker Contact with Child CFSR 14

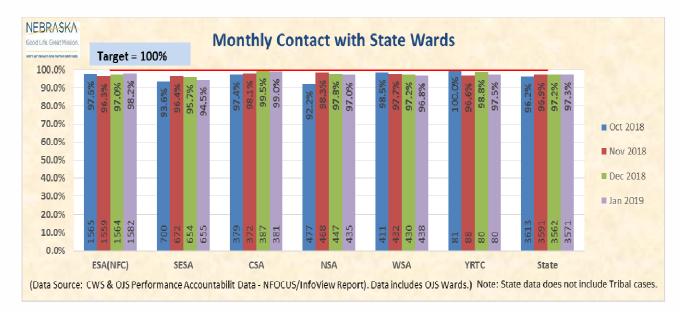
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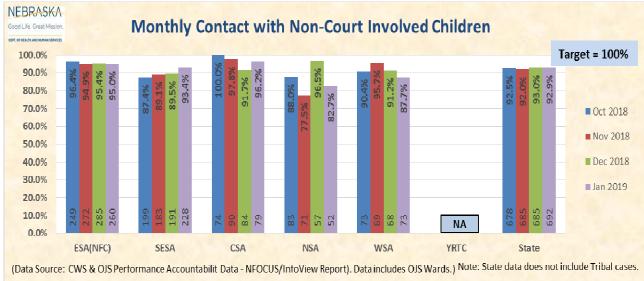
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Monthly Contact with State Wards and Non-Court Involved Child

Strengths/Opportunities:

Note: In May 2012, the state performance was at 53.4% for this measure.

Barriers:

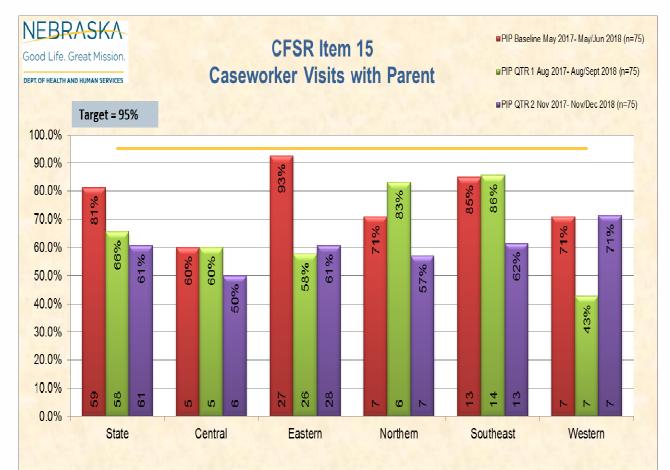
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Item 15 on the CFSR looks at both the frequency and quality of the caseworker visits with both the mother and the father in the case. This item looks at whether or not the frequency and quality of visits between the caseworker and the mother and father of the child(ren) in the case were sufficient to ensure safety, permanency, and well being of the child and promote achievement of case goals. Each parent should be seen at least monthly in order for this item to be counted as a strength.

Caseworker Contact with Parent CFSR 15

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

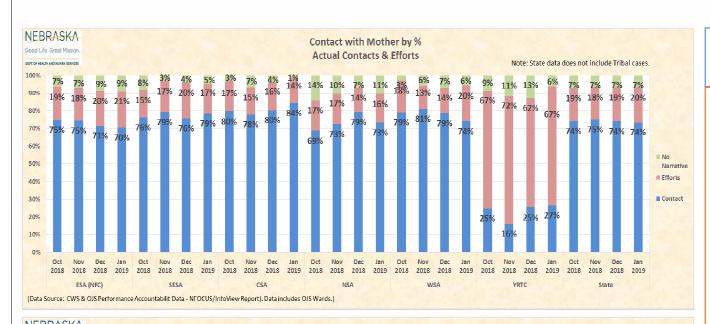
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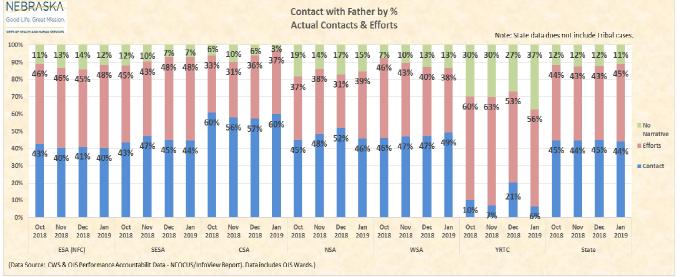
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^{*}Note: Data includes parent contact in both court & non-court involved cases.

Worker Face to Face Contact with Mother and Father

Strengths/Opportunities:

 Note: The performance accountability report was modified to require a contact for all parents whose rights are still intact regardless of the child's permanency goal. Prior to this, the report did not require a parent contact for all youth whose permanency goals were adoption, guardianship or independent living.

Barriers:

Action Items:

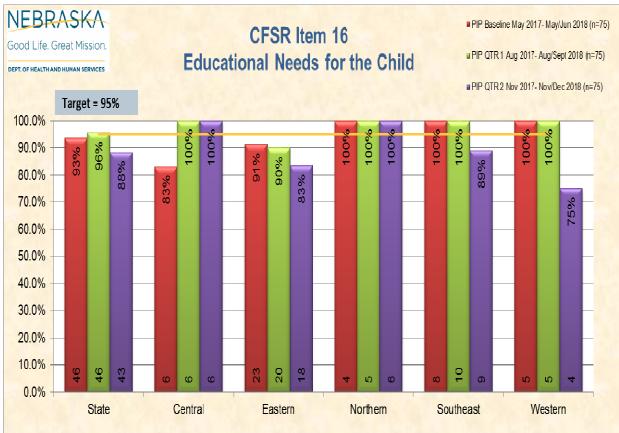
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Item 16 on the CFSR looks at the educational needs and services for the child. This item looks at whether or not the agency sufficiently assessed the educational needs of the child (when applicable) and if the agency made efforts to ensure the appropriate services were provided to the child to meet any identified educational needs.

Needs and Services for the Child (Educational Needs – CFSR Item 16)

Strengths/Opportunities:

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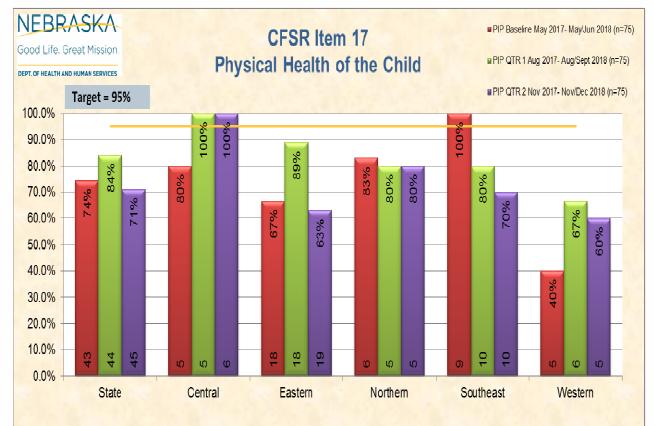
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Item 17 on the CFSR looks at the physical needs and services for the child. This item looks at whether or not the agency sufficiently assessed the physical health of the child (when applicable) and if the agency made efforts to ensure the appropriate services were provided to the child to meet any identified physical health needs.

Needs and Services for the Child (Physical Health Needs – CFSR Item 17)

Strengths/Opportunities:

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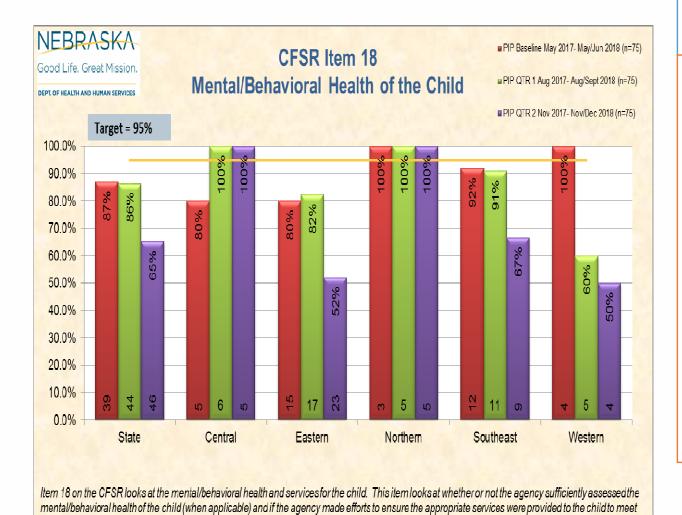
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Needs and Services for the Child (Mental/Behavioral Health Needs – CFSR Item 18)

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

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any identified mental/behavioral health needs.

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N-FOCUS Updates



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N-FOCUS Enhancements – Recently Implemented

December 2018:

Allegation Findings-current date only when entering or updating.

Safety Assessment Reopen-older ones can be reopened with exception of if there is a newer reunification assessment with a safety plan.

Protective Service Alerts-now being sent to NCJIS/NDEN so they can be viewed on that system.

Transitional Living Plan-redesign to function similar to SDM also adding youth needs questions.

Conditions-Added other for specific categories and text box to describe.

B2I Eligibility-Updated Expert System to utilize entered data in eligibility determinations.

B2I Legal Status Edits-changed so that workers can end legal status even when the B2I case is closed with a future date.

B2I Best Interest Hearing Alert-new alert created.

B2I Initial Permanency Review Alert-new alert created.

B2I Ongoing Permanency Review Alert-new alert created.

Service Referral/Service Authorization-new functionality created as process improvement to reduce paper, scanning, emailing.

Service Referral Visitation Plan tie-Visitation Plans now can be tied and printed with Service Referral.

Authorization Created Alert-new alert created.

Proof of Foster Care-new correspondence created.

IMFC Opening Packet-new correspondence created.

Correspondences with Printable PDFs-Court Reports, Case Plans print preview pdfs are now printable and can be saved as a printable pdf.

Provider Matching-printing fixed to match results on N-Focus window.



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N-FOCUS Enhancements – Planned

April 2019:

Court Report Electronic Submission-N-Focus Court Reports sent electronically to Judges Portal.

Court Report Guardian Address-address for guardian added to correspondence.

Change of Placement Notice-Redesign to allow for more relationships to pull in and create notices for wards who are parents.

B2I Program Case Edits Removed-Allows cases to be opened at any time in Pending Status to help track applications.

B2I Program Case Close Reasons-additions to work better with B2I cases.

B2I Non-Ward Reasons-additions to work better with B2I cases.

Independent Living Placements-additions for B2I participants.

Placement Preferences/Provider Matching-simplified to match homes and how conditions are selected.

Bar Coding for IMFC/IV-E Review Categories-adding bar code for Document Imaging.

Update Allegations-in screened out intakes, if the intake is in closed status, updates can still be made.

Remove Orgs from Intakes-new security to allow removal of orgs from intakes separate from security to remove persons.

Update Rescreen Decision-allow decision to be updated if an error made.

Central Registry Web Expungements-Can be expunged en masse after a review and spreadsheet provided by CR team.



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